GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4414
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Indians Across the World
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of Non-Resident Indians, Overseas Citizen of India and Persons of Indian Origin currently living outside India, country-wise; and

(b) the various benefits provided by the Government for all these three category of people and the details of funds spent in this regard during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Since inception of the OCI scheme in December 2005, 23,60,626 PIOs have been issued OCI Cards till 06.12.2016. A statement indicating estimated country-wise population of NRIs and PIOs, compiled on the basis of inputs received from Indian Missions abroad is attached as Annexure-I.

(b) PIOs are not entitled to any specific benefits unless they become OCI Cardholders. No funds are spent by the Government on extending benefits to NRIs and OCI Cardholders. A statement about facilities/benefits extended by the Government to NRIs and OCI Cardholders is attached as Annexure-II.